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DaRosa Named Public Works Employee of the Year

Ed DaRosa was selected the Town of Garner Public Works Department Employee of the Year for 2013 and presented his award at a picnic held by the department to mark National Public Works Week on May 22. DaRosa was selected by his fellow employees after a nomination and election process.

A Garner resident, DaRosa began working with the town as a facilities maintenance technician in March 2005. In this position, he works to keep town buildings and their various mechanical systems in top shape. DaRosa is also Public Works' resident irrigation expert and, over the last several years, has helped the parks and grounds maintenance staff to renovate all of its irrigation systems. As a facilities maintenance technician, DaRosa interacts with virtually all the Town staff at one time or another through working in all of the Town's facilities and is well known for his cooperative and friendly spirit.

"Whenever I've called, day or night, Ed has always been ready to come in and take care of the job," Public Works Director Paul Cox said. "I regularly receive comments from my coworkers on the excellent service Ed provides. We are in the service business. Ed's approach toward his work shows his support of our values of professionalism, partnership and cooperation in delivering that excellent service."

"Ed is a hard worker who carries a smile that most often produces another smile," says DaRosa's supervisor, Tyson Langdon. "Ed takes pride in his work no matter how dirty the job."

While with the Town, DaRosa has worked hard to improve his skills both on the job and through training. He has completed training in confined space and lockout/tagout safety, forklift operation, trenching and excavation, door closers and controls, commercial irrigation, pumps and hydraulics and FEMA incident management. He also served his fellow coworkers for several years as a member of the Public Works Forum, a group that brings forth suggestions and ideas in the department and improves communication between management and staff.

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DaRosa graduated from Naciona Portugal High School in Horta, Portugal, and attended college at Universidade Acores. He arrived in North Carolina by way of California. Prior to beginning work with the Town of Garner, he worked 15 years for the City of San Leandro, Calif., in the maintenance of a 40-acre water reclamation facility and grounds.

Along with a plaque recognizing him as Employee of the Year, DaRosa received an invitation for lunch with Town Manager Hardin Watkins, a fishing pass or park shelter rental, a special parking spot and sign at the Public Works complex and the most coveted prize of all, a “Take the Night Off Pass” from the July 3 Independence Day Celebration at Lake Benson Park, which tends to be the busiest workday (and night) of the year for Public Works staff.

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